GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2028
ANSWERED ON:03.08.2001
IMPORT OF PALM OIL
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has been importing palm oil from Malaysia;

(b) whether the Malaysian Government have urged upon the Government of India to considerreducing the duty on palm oil so as to bring it at par with the duty on soya oil;

(c) if so, the prevailing rates of duties on the palm oil and the soya oil separately and the reasons for differential rates;

(d) whether both these commodities are imported from the different countries and if so, the sources of their and the quantity imported during the last two years from each country; and

(e) whether the Government propose to review the import duty structure on these two commodities and if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (S SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c): The custom duty on Crude Palm Oil and Crude Soyabean Oil is 75% and 45%, respectively.The custom duty on R.B.D. Palmolein and Refined Soyabean Oil is 85% and 45%, respectively. Special Additional Duty (SAD) is levied on import of refined oils at the rate of 4%. The lower duty on soyabean oil is due to WTO binding.

(d): Yes, Sir. County-wise details of import of these oils during the last two years are annexed.

(e): In order to harmonise the interests of domestic oilseeds growers, consumers and processors and to regulate large import of edible oils to the extent possible, the duty structure on edible oils is revised from time to time.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2028 FOR ANSWER IN THE LOK SABHA ON 03-08-2001.

ARTICLES	COUNTRIES	QUANTITY (in KGs)	
		April`1999 to March`2000	April`2000 to February`2001
Soyabean Crude Oil W/N Degummed	Argentina	12710325	152095758
	Indonesia	1500000	-
	Brazil	-	19712000
	Italy	-	250000
	Malaysia	-	2251456
	South Africa	2000000	7500000
	Thailand	-	4298344
	USA	-	6189230
Other Soyabean Oil and its Fractions	Argentina	300201752	254923878
	Brazil	183374683	40082000
	Canada	23000	-
	German F Rep	2123000	-
	Denmark	-	20000
	Indonesia	1000000	-

	Malaysia	266390 1465
	Netherland	6500000 500000
	Saudi Arab	2700000 -
	Korea RP	- 1000
	South Africa	12103322 20396050
	Switzerland	- 20000
	Thailand	- 250000
	USA	75322785 40290462
Crude Palm Oil and its Fractions	Indonesia	64093405 578454865
	Argentina	- 250000
	Malaysia	31322326 231074979
	Thailand	2044256 17296520
	Chinese Taipei	- 500000
	German F Rep	- 1000000
	Italy	- 1000000
	Singapore	- 3743311
	South Africa	- 500000
	USA	- 2462000
Refined Palm Oil and its Fractions	Australia	750000 750000
	Argentina	- 6849000
	Brazil	500000 -
	Canada	750000 -
	China P RP	499000 700000
	German F Rep	250000 -
	Indonesia	646088692 592151555
	Japan	6481000 -
	Malaysia	2090565965 1236654554
	Netherland	1000000 4829000
	Singapore	11093890 1521712
	Thailand	500000 6462500
	Ukraine	1098000 -
	USA	11392724 500000

Source : Directorate General of Foreign Trade (D.G.F.T.)